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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2005/002148

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TITLE OF INVENTION

BIOMASS GASIFICATION SYSTEM AND OPERATING METHOD THEREOF

APPLICANTS FOR DO/EO/US

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

- 1. x This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- 2. __ This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- 3. __ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
- 4. __ The US has been elected (Article 31).
- 5. \underline{x} A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. _ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. x has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
- 6. x An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. x is attached hereto.
 - b. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- 7. _ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - a. __ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
- b. _ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
- c. __ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
- d. __ have not been made and will not be made.
- 8. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
- 9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
- 10. __ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

- 11. x An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98.
- 12. _ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- 13. x A preliminary amendment.
- 14. x An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76.
- 15. x A substitute specification.
- 16. __ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
- 17. __ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 C.F.R. 1.821 1.825.
- 18. __ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- 19. _ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- 20. __ Other items or information:

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□ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.						\$	
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Sir:

We submit herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Form PTO-1390, in duplicate, an Application Data Sheet (1 page), an English translation of the above-identified PCT Application as it was filed, including 13 pages of Specification, 2 pages of Claims, 1 page Abstract and 2 sheets of Drawings, a Preliminary Amendment, a Substitute Specification (Marked-Up), a Substitute Specification (Clean Copy), copies of Forms PCT/IB/301, 304, 307, 308 (First Notice, 308 (Second and Supplementary Notice), 311 and 345, WO 2005/080533 A1 with an International Search Report, and Forms PCT/ISA/210, 220 and 237, an Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 with copies of the publications, and our check in the amount of \$1,230.00, comprising the official filing fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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